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SUBJECT: CSCE: GERMAN PRESS TALKS OF STALEMATE

1. DURING THE LAST TEN DAYS THE NATIONAL GERMAN PRESS HAS CARRIED INNUMERABLE ARTICLES SPEAKING OF STALEMATE IN CSCE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. GERMAN PRESS HAS PUT THE BLAME SQUARELY ON MOSCOW FOR FAILING TO BUDGE SINCE THE EASTER RECESS. ON JUNE 11, PRESTIGIOUS CENTER-RIGHT FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE FAZ) CARRIED FRONTPAGE EDITORIAL CALLING FOR "TEMPORARY RECESS" OR "ADJOURNMENT FOR INDEFINITE TIME" SHOULD THE SOVIETS REFUSE TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING. TEXT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FAZ EDITORIAL, WRITTEN BY SENIOR EDITOR GUENTHER

GILLESEN, READS AS FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

THE REPORTS FROM GENEVA ON THE CONFERENCE ABOUT COOPERATION AND SECURITY IN EUROPE (CSCE) HAVE LATELY BEEN MORE DISAPPOINTING FROM WEEK TO WEEK....IN NINE MONTHS OF NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA HARDLY ANYTHING HAS EMERGED MORE CONCRETE THAN HAD BEEN SETTLED LAST YEAR IN HELSINKI, IN THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE....POSSIBLY BREZHNEV HOPES THAT WITH STUBBORNNESS UP TO THE FINAL WEEKS IN GENEVA HE WILL CREATE A GOAL-LINE PANIC, WITHIN WHICH THE WESTERN PARTICIPANTS WILL BE CRUSHED. PERHAPS HE CALCULATES, WITHIN THIS PLAN, ON HELP FROM NIXON AND KISSINGER. THAT IS, HE MAY BE FIGURING THAT THE AMERICANS WOULD, FOR THE SAKE OF GOOD RUSSO-AMERICAN RELATIONS, DO HIM THE FAVOR OF STAGING A MONSTROUS SUMMIT MEETING WITHOUT ANY COUNTER-CONCESSION FROM HIS SIDE. IF THE SOVIET UNION WERE TO MAKE CONCESSIONS AT ALL, IT HAS LONG BEEN APPARENT THAT IT WOULD MAKE THEM ONLY UNDER EXTREME CONDITIONS. NOW THE TIME HAS COME--WITH THE NATO CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN OTTAWA--TO CONSIDER A TEMPORARY RECESS OF THE SECURITY CONFERENCE. THIS TEST SHOULD BE MADE STILL DURING THIS MONTH. THE TIME IS RIPE--THE NATO ENVOYS ARE MEETING IN OTTAWA. IF THE RUSSIAN RESPONSE IS NEGATIVE, THEN LET THE GENEVA SECURITY CONFERENCE BE ADJOURNED FOR AN INDEFINITE TIME. FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD START WHEN THE WESTERN COUNTRIES ASCERTAIN THAT MOSCOW IS MORE READY TO MAKE A DEAL.

END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE INFORMED THAT, DURING EC-9 MINISTERIAL IN BONN, FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN TOOK THE LINE THAT CURRENT SOVIET STONEWALLING SHOULD NOT UNDULY DISCONCERT WESTERN DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA. AS "AN OLD BARGAINER" CALLAGHAN SAID SOVIETS UNLIKELY TO MAKE CSCE CONCESSIONS UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT AND THE WEST SHOULD MERELY MAINTAIN ITS PATIENCE. OUR SOURCES SAY MOST OTHER MINISTERS AGREED WITH CALLAGHAN'S CALL ON HIS COLLEAGUES TO KEEP THEIR COOL AND TO MAIN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAIN THEIR PATIENCE (SEE BONN 9344). HOWEVER, A FEW MINISTERS RAISED THE QUESTION WHETHER SOVIETS DID INTEND, IN ANY EVENT, TO COME FORWARD WITH CONCESSIONS SATISFACTORY TO THE WESTERN SIDE.

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